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REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully requests acceptance of the above-recited amendments. This Preliminary Amendment is also accompanied by a Petition to Make Special.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The amendment made to the specification is to correct an error in the Specification listing the filing date of a prior-pending United States utility patent application from which this application claims priority. The earlier filed and prior-pending application was properly identified by serial number and month and year of filing. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2 through 55 are new. These amendments are made by the Applicant for the purpose of broadening the scope of the originally filed claim prior to the time of this application's substantive review by the USPTO and are not made for any reason related to patentability or in response to any communication, office action, objection or refusal by the United States Patent and Trademark Office or any other agency or body.

IV. PAYMENT OF FEES

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$306.00 (small entity) for the additional fees for the 34 claims in excess of 20. The additional fees are calculated as follows:

Total Claims: 54

Claims in excess of 20: 34

Independent Claims:

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Ind. claims in excess of 3: 0

34 (claims in excess of 20) X \$9.00 = \$306.00

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To the extent any additional fees are due hereunder, including any additional fees for this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those additional amounts to the following deposit account:

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NUMBER:

502260

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NAME:

Rogers Towers, P.A.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge the above-identified deposit account any additional fees owing in the event the fees identified above were incorrectly calculated or insufficient in any manner. Likewise, any overpayments may be credited to the above deposit account.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the Preliminary Amendments set forth herein prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application. If the Examiner has any questions, he/she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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